



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8 – 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

Kia ora, Buenos días, Bula vinaka, Namaste, Kia orana, Konnichiwa, Guten tag, Ni hao, Privyet,

Greetings to parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate

CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS COUNTRY 2015

The **Championship Cross Country will be held on Friday 11th September, starting at 1:30.** Whanau are most welcome to attend. Each House will have entrants in the following categories: Year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Girls and Year 8 Boys. From the Championships we will be selecting the Team to represent Devon at the Taranaki Primary Schools' Cross Country in Hawera on Wednesday 23rd September (Week 10). The categories for the Taranaki Champs are: 11yr old Girls, 11yr old Boys, 12yr old Girls, 12yr old Boys, 13yr old Girls and 13yr old Boys. **If the weather is poor, the backup date is the following Monday 14th September at 1:30.**

DEVON INTERMEDIATE PARENT LINK IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE HILARIOUS COMEDY 'WOT TO WEAR & NOT TO WEAR' STARRING SUZIE JOHNSON FROM OOSH!

The un-PC style night, quirky, funny & raw! This major fundraiser is being held in the Devon Intermediate Hall on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm, doors open from 6.30pm. Tickets just \$20 each, with a complimentary glass of wine on entry, and nibbles provided. Tickets are available from the school office. Bring your friends along for what promises to be a fantastic night! All proceeds will go toward our fabulous new Adventure Playground. Please support us to support your children.

TARANAKI GIFTED KIDS CENTRE

Applications are open for students with particular skills, strengths, gifts and talents who may meet the criteria for attending this program for intellectually and creatively gifted children. The Taranaki MindPlus programme will start at Devon Intermediate in 2016 for children aged from years 1 to 8. Application packs are available from Fiona Parkinson at the office; 758 5266.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The Parent Link group will be starting a second hand uniform shop in 2016, and ask that all whanau consider donating any good, second hand uniforms to the school. This includes shorts, skirts, culottes, jerseys, jackets, PE gear, socks and shoes! All donations can be handed in to the school office between 8am and 3.30pm each day. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

CAMPUS CLOTHING

Because it is our 10th Anniversary, Campus Clothing are offering 10% discount on all school uniforms for the month of September while stocks last. Campus Clothing is the sole supplier for the Devon Intermediate School uniform.

NETBALL UNIFORMS

All netball uniforms are due in by this Friday 11 September. When all uniforms are collected, daily notices will ask netballers to collect their refundable bond at the end of the school day from the office.

FONO MEETING

Ni sa bula vinaka, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, and warm Pasifika greetings to you all. We are holding a Fono here at Devon Intermediate tomorrow, Thursday 10 September at 5.30pm in the staff room. Bring along the whole family. It would be great to see you there.

UNIFORM NOTES

We are aware that some students have lost, grown out of or broken their winter school shoes. As we are close to the end of term, students may wear Roman sandals. We will not accept non-uniform shoes or socks.

CASH FOR COMMUNITIES

Over the next few weeks PGG Wrightson's will be talking to farmers about this year's Cash for Communities programme. Any farmer, who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account between 1 September and 30 November 2015, can earn cash for our school! All you need to do is nominate Devon Intermediate at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz and you can start earning donations for us – it's that easy.

PARENT LINK MEETING

Our next Parent Link Meeting is coming up on Monday 14th September, 7pm in the Art Room (staff room). All whanau are most welcome to attend.

PROPERTY UPDATE

Excitement is mounting as the completion date of our building project draws closer. We expect to be back in the administration area (after 2 ½ years) in the last week of term. Classroom refurbishments will also be completed then and classes will move back in the same week. The library will be ready for occupation in November. We will be really transformed!

SHORT TERM GARDENING CONTRACT

Do you have green fingers? Do you enjoy gardening and have some spare time? We have the job for you! Our school gardens need a bit of T.L.C and we are looking for someone with gardening experience to work for us on a short term contract. If this sounds like you please phone Fiona Parkinson on 758 5266.

ICT PURCHASES

The Board of Trustees have approved the purchase of 60 iPads, 60 Netbooks and four Activpanels which will be set up and ready to go by the beginning of Term 4. Our network cabling is now permanently in place so that for the first time since the fire, our digital capability will be virtually unlimited. We are all looking forward to the opportunity we now have to be at the cutting edge of educational practice using technology.

HOLIDAY HOOPS BASKETBALL CAMP

Basketball Taranaki is inviting all Basketball players from the ages of 9-15 to attend a 2 day Basketball Camp in Taranaki. There are 2 camps to choose from:

- New Plymouth (New Plymouth Boys High School) – Monday/Tuesday (28th/29th September) *or/and*
- Opunake (Sandfords Events Centre) – Thursday/Friday (1st/2nd October)

Note: The Camps are each restricted to the first 30 registrations.

Taranaki's young Basketball players will be exposed to top level coaching throughout the camps. Holiday Hoops will consist of skill stations, rules sessions, modified basketball games and much more. We welcome players of all abilities. Ages 9-15. Cost: \$60.00 (Inc. GST) per player per camp or \$35.00 per day. To register in one or both of the camps please visit the Basketball Taranaki Inc. Website <http://basketballtaranaki.co.nz/>.

Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA focus is:
Think Before You Do**

- **Stop – what's the problem?**
- **Think – what are some solutions?**
- **Do – the best solution**

DATES TO NOTE

9 September	E-Learning with Stuart Hales, 7pm
10 September	Fono, 5.30pm
11 September	Devon Championship Cross Country
20 September	Taranaki Road Relays
23 September	Taranaki Primary Schools' Cross Country in Hawera
24 September	School Speech Competition
25 September	Last day of term 3